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## The Notification of the Ministry of Public Health (No.373) B.E. 2559 (2016) Re: The Display of Nutrition Symbol on Food Label

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To promote and encourage the use of a nutrition symbol as the nutrition information to make food choices for consumers which is one of the important factors to prevent the problems of over-nutrition and non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

By virtue of the provisions of Section 5 and 6 (10) of the Food Act B.E.2522 (1979), the Minister of Public Health hereby issues the Notification as follows:

Clause 1 "Nutrition Symbol" in this Notification means a symbol providing an alternative to assist consumer in decision making leading to a balanced nutrition.

Clause 2 For any food Manufacturer and Importer for sale, or Food Distributor intending to display the nutrition symbol on food label, the food product attached by such label shall be initially inspected and certified by the Nutrition Promotion Foundation under the Institute of Nutrition of Mahidol University, or other relevant agencies authorized by the Committee of Strategy mobilization in Building Linkages between Food and Nutrition for Good Quality of Life under the National Food Committee. After inspection and certification, the nutrition symbol subsequently can be displayed on food label.

Clause 3 The nutrition symbol displayed on food label shall be complied with a format set by the Sub-Committee of Developing and Promoting the Use of Simplified Nutrition Symbol under the approval of the Committee of Strategy mobilization in Building Linkages between Food and Nutrition for Good Quality of Life.

Clause 4 Nutrition criteria or nutritional value used for further perusal on certification of displaying the nutrition symbol shall be complied with the technical requirement prescribed by the Sub-committee of Developing and Promoting the Use of Simplified Nutrition Symbol and approved by the Committee of Strategy mobilization in Building Linkages between Food and Nutrition for Good Quality of Life under the National Food Committee.

Clause 5 Display of the nutrition symbol on food label according to this Notification shall also be complied with the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health Re: Labelling of Prepackaged Foods, the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health for a particular food, and the Notification of the Ministry of Public Health Re: Nutrition Label.

Clause 6 This Notification shall come into force as from the day following the date of its publication in the Royal Gazette.

Notified on 12th January 2016

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Note: This English version of the Notification is translated to meet the need of the non-Thai speaking people. In the case of any discrepancy between the Thai original and the English translation, the former will take priority.